

Success for BCCC at National Marathon Championships

Congratulations to Sam Rees-Clark on her selection for the Loire Marathon

The Championships were held on the Severn hosted by Worcester Canoe Club which had a huge entry of over 930 competitors over the two days of racing.

A fairly small BCCC contingent nonetheless had several excellent results. Joe Hansell won the Under 12 K1 race and the Under 12 K2 race with a partner from Leighton Buzzard to become National Champion in both events. Sam Rees-Clark gained bronze in the Under 16 Ladies K1 and, with her partner Nicole Williams from Royal Canoe Club, silver in the Under 16 Ladies K2 class.

Other medal winners were David Howie, silver in K2; Richard Somerset and Robin Lees, bronze in their respective classes and Charles Hicks and Bill Hansell a bronze in division 8 K2.

I thought Ben Hansell raced well coming 7th in the Under 14 K1 race, as did Naomi who was 5th in the Under 18 Ladies K1 race.

The Club came 12th with 253 points – a long way behind the winners, Norwich who are hosting the event in 2012. So make a date – August Bank Holiday again and try to take part: more paddlers: more points.



Joe on his way to winning the U12 Men's K1 race



Sam working hard in the U16 Ladies K1 race. Her selection to the Loire Marathon late in September was her reward for two excellent performances in her K1 and K2 races.